

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following Requests for Information are provided for Informational Purposes only:

Question: Is the glass partition on drawing AE606A and AE606B to be fire rated glass per specification 08810.2.7? Are there any other areas that are required to be fire rated glass?

Answer: See Life Safety Plans.

Question: Please provide specification for the washers and dryers in the Barracks buildings.

Answer: These items are not in contract.

Question: There doesn't seem to be a specification for the TA-50 lockers in the COF building, please provide.

Answer: See specification 10505N, para. 2.1.2.

Question: Are there any specs on the design of the standpipe system? NFPA 14 requires 500 gpm for the first standpipe and 250 for each additional standpipe. Buildings A & B each have (3) standpipes which will require 1000 gpm. The fire pump is specified for a rating of 400 gpm. The most that this pump will deliver is 600 gpm (150%). Therefore, the standpipe system demand in all three buildings cannot be met. Also, the 400 gpm pump specified is probably the largest pump that the water supply will support. Please advise on how you wish us to proceed.

Answer: See specification Section 13930A, para. 1.1. NFPA 13 is referenced not NFPA 14.

Question: Specification Section 15951, page 6.1.3.1, system requirements, paragraphs a and b. Specification asks for open implementation of Lonworks technology. Will the Corps of Engineers entertain a BACNET system of control as an alternate to Lonworks?

Answer: No. Per specification 15951, Lonworks is required.

Question: What is the vertical reinforcement for the exterior walls? The plans and specs do not show this detail.

Answer: See upcoming amendment.

Question: Amendment Number 0005, in the question and answers section stated that Section 01200.1.4 Warranty Requirements/Performance Bond, would not be amended. The Bonding Companies Nation Wide have discussed this issue and will allow the bond for one year warranty only, but not for any extension(s). This will stop many companies from submitting bids for this project. Please readdress this issue and advise us of the result.

Answer: See amendment #009.

Question: On Page 7 of the RFP Section 3.4 - Major Subcontractors Relevant Experience, you ask us to submit projects for the mechanical and electrical subcontractors, however, Page 9 section 6.4 reads: "Favorable consideration will be given for evidence by the curtain-wall system subcontractor's of experience with integrating blast resistant design principles in the glazing and anchoring of window systems." Please confirm that we are only to submit information regarding our mechanical and electrical subcontractors and that the above sentence from Section 6.4 will be deleted from the RFP.

Answer: See amendment #009.

Question: Specification 01200 – Warranty Requirements: We assume it the Government's intent for the Contractor to requisition for the \$2,000,000 warranty payment prior to substantial completion, during the monthly requisition process by trade. If not, please describe the procedure for requisitioning this warranty payment amount. If we do not received a response to this RFI, then our proposal will be based on the assumption that the warranty payment will be requisitioned and paid for during the contract performance period without retention

Answer: See amendment #009

Question: Specification 01200 – Warranty Requirements: In Amendment # 5, 6/8/05, the last question in the Q&A's was asked (by another Contractor) about spec section 01200.1.4 re: Warranty Requirements / Performance Bonds. They stated that their bond company will NOT allow their bonds [to be in place] for the extension, beyond 1 year, of the manufacturer's warranty periods, and you state that this spec section "will not be amended". Our bond

company, also, will **NOT** allow this; if the Gov't does not change this requirement, they will be losing a minimum of 2 bidders, plus potentially all others who closely read this specification requirement. Please re-consider your position, or we will be forced to drop off from your bidder's list. Please Note: This is an unusually restrictive requirement that is precluding bidders from pursuing this project ! The subcontractors and their manufacturers should provide the extended warranties required; therefore, it is not necessary for the General Contractors to extend their P&P bonds ! Please clarify !

Answer: See amendment #009